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THIS PASSES AMEMBASSY TOKYO SIGNED MACARTHUR DTD 22 JULY, 6 PM

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" WFOC AEC, USIA. DEPTEL REPEATED CANBERRA 29. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH JAPANESE AGENCIES CONCERNED INCLUDING MSB, FOREIGN OFFICE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND FULLY CONCURS IN OUR SUGGESTION IN REFERENCES TELEGRAM. IN THIS CONNECTION IT REQUESTED (1) COMPETENT UNITED STATES MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO CHECK CREW MEMBERS, (2) PROVISION OF DECONTAMINATION EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICIANS TO CHECK SHIP, AND (3) 3 POCKET DOSIMETERS. FOREIGN OFFICE NOTED THAT THESE EXPERTS BE SENT SOONEST SINCE IT DESIRES START BOTH BOATS BACK TO TOKYO BY EVENING JULY 24 IF POSSIBLE ASSUMING UNITED STATES CHECK INDICATES NO SERIOUS RADIATION PROBLEMS. ACCORDING MSB, MOST RECENT DATA FROM RABAU INDICATES WHITE BLOOD COUNT OF SICK CREW MEMBERS RISING AND SCINTILLATION COUNTS ON TAKUYO MARU DECREASING. WHITE BLOOD COUNT CHECK BY AUSTRALIAN HEALTH AUTHORITIES ON JULY 21 INDICATED 4 CREW MEMBERS WITH WHITE BLOOD COUNTS BETWEEN 3500-4000 AND 7 WITH COUNTS BETWEEN 4000-5000. JAPANESE MEDICAL EXPERTS, HOWEVER, FEEL THIS DATA INSUFFICIENT TO MAKE ANY JUDGEMENT ON HEALTH OF CREWS AND FOR THIS REASON WISH ASSISTANCE COMPETENT UNITED STATES MEDICAL OFFICERS. BOAT DECK COUNT ON TAKUYO MARU AS OF 21 JULY WAS 5000 DOWN FROM 8000 ON 19 JULY AND 1300 ON 17 JULY. JAPANESE RADIATION EXPERTS CONSIDER CURRENT COUNT NOT SERIOUS BUT WOULD

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FEEL SAFER IF BOATS INSPECTED BY OUR EXPERTS AND FURTHER DECONTAMINATION UNDERTAKEN IF NECESSAR. EXPERTS ALSO ESTIMATE CREW MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED AT MAXIMUM 100 MR AND PROBABLY 20-30 MR. FALLOUT ON TAKUYO MARU COMMENCED ABOUT 2000 JULY 14 WHEN SHIP AT 12 DEGREES, 45 MINUTES NORTH, 153 DEGREES, 23 MINUTES EAST. CABLE ETA RABAU OF MEDICAL AND DECONTAMINATION EXPERTS SOONEST. MOST IMPORTANT AVOID ANY PRESS REFERENCE TO UNITED STATES EFFORT. I MUCH APPRECIATE VERY EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING THIS MATTER. OUR QUICK ACTION IN OFFERING GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN ASSISTANCE HAS MADE VERY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON JAPANESE OFFICIALS CONCERNED."

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